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grazing ground porambokes or where the extent available is insufficient for the number of cattle in those villages. The Government are examining the question in consultation with the Board of Revenue."

Sooranikuthu-Vellakulam road

* 1644 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Collector of Tanjore received any petitions from the public for extending the Sooranikuthu-Vellakulam road in Tiruchirappalli district to the Nagaram-Aranthangi road through Nagaram-Kothamangalam villages in Tanjore district;

(*b*) whether the 50 per cent contribution from the public was promised;

(*c*) if so, whether this work has been included in the Local Development works for the Tanjore district; and

(*d*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) Does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

Point of information regarding " strike " of electric clocks

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" கடிகாரங்கள் ஓடாமல் ஸ்ட்ரைக் செய்திருக்கின்றனவே, சபாநாயகர் எதை வைத்துக்கொண்டு நடவடிக்கைகளை நடத்துகிறார்கள் என்று தெரியவில்லை."

MR. SPEAKER :—" என்னிடம் ஒரு கடிகாரம் இருக்கிறது. கடிகாரங்கள் ரிபேராக இருக்கின்றன. நாளைக்குள் எல்லாம் ரிபேராகிவிடும்."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" இந்த கடிகாரங்களை யார் சப்ளை பண்ணியிருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்ளலாமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" யார் சப்ளை பண்ணுகிறார்கள், கண்டிராக்டர் யார் என்பதைப் பற்றியெல்லாம் நான் சொல்ல முடியாது. எனென்றால், அது விஷயமெல்லாம் ஆபீசிலுள்ளவர்கள் கவனிக்கிறார்கள்."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஒவ்வொருவருக்கும் ஒரு கடிகாரம் இருந்தால் சௌகரியமாக இருக்குமே."

MR. SPEAKER :—" ஒவ்வொரு அங்கத்தினருக்கும் ஒரு கடிகாரம் கொடுப்பதாயிருந்தால் நான் அதை சந்தோஷமாக வரவேற்பேன்."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA TO THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE CONDEMNING THE DASTARDLY ATTEMPT ON HIS PERSON.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the House will remember that we condemned the other day, the dastardly attempt of a mad fellow on the person of our venerable Prime Minister and the proceedings of

the House were sent to the Prime Minister. He has sent me a reply. It is, dated March 24th. This is what he says in his letter—

'Dear Mr. Speaker,

I thank you for your letter of the 22nd March. I am grateful to you and to the Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly for their generous message. I hope you will be good enough to convey my thanks to the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) Jawaharlal Nehru.'"

(Cheers.)

Programme of the House

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, may I know the programme of the House after the 29th March?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have called for a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee. As soon as they come to some conclusion in the matter, it will be announced here."

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1954–55.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I suggest that we may take up one Demand for discussion throughout the day and that Demand may be Demand XXXIX—Capital Outlay on Road Transport Schemes. After considering this Demand and finishing the consideration of the other Demands, we may adjourn at 12-30 of the clock so that it may be convenient to the hon. Members who want to go to Neiveli."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection to the taking up of one Demand. I will call the Hon. Minister to reply to the discussion at 12 o'clock and adjourn the House at 12-30. At 12-30 I will guillotine the rest of the Demands. Let no hon. Member raise a point of order then that I am guillotining the Demands at 12-30 instead of at 1-30. I wish to make the position very clear here itself. Afterwards, no hon. Member should get up and raise a point of order when I guillotine the Demands at 12-30."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I may be permitted to say a few words. After all, this is a supplementary Demand and I do not think three hours are required for discussing one Demand. I suggest that two hours may be allotted for that Demand and we may adjourn at 11-30 instead of at 12-30."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, I agree with the suggestion of the Hon. Minister in reducing the time to be allotted for this Demand. After passing this Demand, the other Demands may be put to the vote of the House. If any hon. Member wished to speak on any of the Demands, you, Mr. Speaker, in your discretion may allow him to do so. Anyway, we can sit till 12-30."